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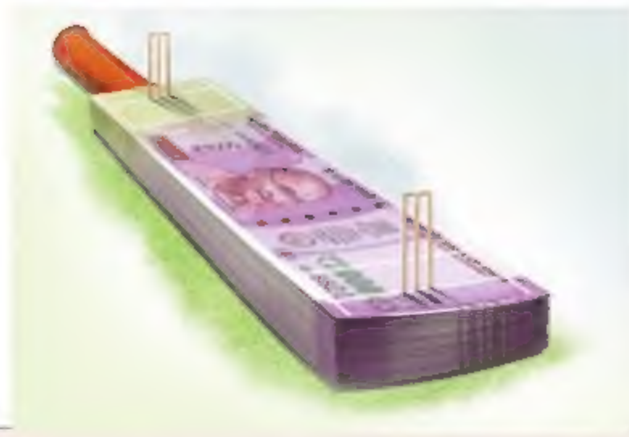

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RECORD PRICE FOR IPL 2023-27 TELEVISION & DIGITAL RIGHTS

While the e-auction is still ongoing for Packages C & D, the TV and streaming rights were sold for a combined ₹44,075 crore

2.69 TIMES INCREASE FROM 2018-22 CYCLE

While Star Network bagged the subcontinent rights for television as well as streaming rights in the 2018-22 cycle for ₹16,347.5 crore, this time, it is understood that the TV and digital rights went to two different bidders. The former was sold for ₹23,575 crore and the latter for ₹20,500 crore, registering a cumulative 2.69 times increase in the price from 2018 | P13

WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY SO FAR

- The television rights, for which the BCCI had set a base price of ₹49 crore per match for the 2023-27 cycle, went for ₹57.5 crore per match (₹21, 275 crore for 370 matches with 74-94 games/season)
- Meanwhile the digital rights, with a base price of ₹33 crore/game, went up to a whopping ₹50 crore/game for the next 5 years

US $5.64 BN
SIZE OF THE TELEVISION AND DIGITAL RIGHTS

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

ED grills Rahul for about 10 hours in Herald case

Questions him in two phases; Cong leader meets Sonia in hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi gestures as he leaves for the Enforcement Directorate's office in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

THE Enforcement Directorate on Monday grilled Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over the alleged misappropriation of funds in the *National Herald* case amid vociferous protests by the party across the country claiming political vendetta.

Rahul was questioned for almost 10 hours in two phases through the day. Three senior officials of the ED participated in the questioning. "The team consists of two Assistant Directors and one Deputy Director," said a senior ED official. Rahul also submitted a written statement under Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. He has been asked to appear again for questioning on Tuesday.

The ownership of the *National Herald* published by the Associated Journals Limited (AJL) was later transferred to Young Indian Pvt Ltd, a deal that is now under the lens.

Accompanied by sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and party workers, Rahul reached the probe agency's office on APJ Abdul Kalam Road amid heavy police deployment around 11.10 am. Priyanka sat with Rahul in a vehicle as the convoy of seven SUVs, escorted by armed CRPF personnel, entered the ED office. Only Rahul was let in.

Around 2.10 pm, Rahul left the ED office for lunch and went to meet his mother and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who is convalescing from Covid at the Sir Ganga Ram hospital. He took permission to make the visit. Rahul then joined the probe team again around 4 pm and stayed on till late night.

To manage the march the party took out from its 24, Akbar Road headquarters to the ED office before Rahul presented himself for questioning, the police had placed barricades at several places en route. All Congress bigwigs hit the streets in support of Rahul.

A large number of party workers were taken under preventive custody for violating Section 144 CrPC that bans the assembly of more than four persons, which was imposed in central Delhi. Earlier in the day, the police had advised people to avoid certain stretches in wake of the Congress march.

The ED has summoned Sonia to appear before it on June 23 in connection with the case.

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Shakti Kapoor's son held in B'luru for drug use

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

THE Halasuru police on Sunday midnight detained Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor's 37-year-old son **Siddhant Kapoor** aka DJ Bullzeye during a raid on a late night party at The Park hotel near Trinity Circle.

Siddhant was among five others who were allegedly found to have consumed drugs. The police subjected 35 people at the party to blood tests and the results of five including Siddhanth's returned positive for drug use. He was arrested even as he was playing music at the party that was still on. He is a regular DJ at The Park hotel.

All the five were released on station bail. They have to appear before police whenever they are called, said a police officer.

The hotel clarified all guests who come to stay or attend late night parties are frisked by bouncers. However at the time of frisking, no drugs were found on the DJ or others who were arrested. It is suspected that they might have come to the party after consuming drugs elsewhere, they said. But the police who searched the hotel after the arrests found drugs in a dustbin at the hotel.

The others arrested are Akhil Soni, a business manager, Harjot Singh, operational head of a logistics startup, Hani Rafeeque, a digital marketing professional, and Akhil, a freelance photographer.

"The Halasuru police raided the party on Sunday midnight. Over 100 people, most of them outsiders, were at the party. Thirty-five were subjected to testing, and of them five including the DJ tested positive," Dr Bheemashankar S Guled, DCP (East) said. P3

EXPRESS READ

40-day-old girl snatched from mother in hospital

Hubballi: A 40-day-old baby girl, undergoing treatment at the KIMS Hospital in Hubballi, was snatched from her mother, a resident of Kundgol town in Dharwad district, by a man wearing a black T-shirt. The Vidyanagar police have registered a case, and two teams have been formed, an official said. P5

KSRTC bus fare likely to increase by 25 per cent

Bengaluru: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is likely to hike bus fare as diesel prices have shot up over the last few months. HV Anantha Subba Rao, president of KSRTC staff and workers federation, said a proposal has been sent to the government to allow 25% fare hike. P5

RETAIL INFLATION COOLS, BUT STILL 7%

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

A month after the RBI did some heavy lifting and the Centre cut fuel excise rates, the consumer price index (CPI) based-inflation fell to 7.04% in May. In the month before, it had hit an eight-year high of 7.78%.

But compared to May last year's figure of 6.3%, the inflation now is very much on the higher side. In fact, this is the fifth straight month when the CPI inflation is above the RBI's upper band of 6%.

Interestingly, rural inflation, which was higher than urban inflation in April, slipped below urban inflation in May. Rural and urban inflations stood at 7.01% and 7.08% respectively in May as against 8.38% and 7.09% in April. However, major components of the CPI basket, like food and beverages, pan and tobacco, clothing and footwear and fuel and light witnessed a sequential rise.

In a bid to moderate inflation, the RBI on June 8 hiked the rate at which it lends to commercial banks by 50 basis points to 4.9%. An SBI research report sought to join issue with critics of the RBI's intervention, saying, "We believe RBI is much ahead of the curve in controlling inflation."

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JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT

	June 12	June 13
	11,62,340 doses	12,88,942 doses

NATION WIDE	JUNE 12	JUNE 13	KARNATAKA	JUNE 12	JUNE 13
Fresh cases	8,582	8,084	Fresh cases	483	415
Recoveries	4,435	4,592	Recoveries	199	378
Deaths	41	18	Deaths	0	0

Nation Resolves
To Ensure Benefits Of All Schemes For Welfare Of Poor Reach 100% Entitled People

Government of India | 75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- Central Government dedicated to ensure dignity of poor
  - More than 3 crore households get their own houses
  - Gas connection to 9.17 crore women under Ujjwala scheme
  - More than 11.5 crore toilets constructed
  - More than 9.5 crore households get tap water connection
  - More than 2.8 crore households get Electricity connection under Saubhagya scheme
- Under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, free ration to 80 crore people during Corona pandemic
- Free treatment to more than 3.3 crore people under Ayushman Bharat scheme
- 31.9 lakh street vendors got collateral free loan under PM SVANidhi
- More than 45 crore Jan-Dhan accounts opened; Benefits of schemes now reaching directly in bank accounts
- Under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, insurance to the poor at Rs 20 per year; 28.6 crore people enrolled
- Under Atal Pension Yojana, benefit of monthly pension from the age of 60 years; More than 4 crore beneficiaries enrolled so far

8 Years Seva, Sushasan Garib Kalyan

"The government is working with the approach that everyone should get the benefit of government schemes and no poor should be left out. We have taken the initiative to provide 100% benefit to 100% beneficiaries and have taken a pledge for the saturation of the beneficiaries."
— Narendra Modi —

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